



Christine Bakke
PHOTOGRAPHY

P/03

THANK YOU

P/04

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

P/06

PROJECT SUMMARY

P/08

PROJECT SCHEDULE

P/10

EXTERIOR MATERIALS

P/12

PROGRAMMING

P/19

INTERIOR DESIGN

P/24

FINAL CONCEPT



Thank you!

We owe a special thanks to the Stillwater County commissioners, FCIP committee, the community, and the user groups who aided our design team. Your feedback throughout the programming phase for the new Stillwater County Law & Justice Center has been greatly appreciated.

The engagement, insights, and collaboration during this process has been instrumental to understanding your current operations and future goals. Thank you for your invaluable contributions to this great project, which will be a direct reflection of your vision. We look forward to continuing our work together to design this facility and anxiously await its grand opening.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*"The task of a judge is not to make the law - it is to apply the law."
~ Sonia Sotomayor, Supreme Court Justice*

Central to the Law & Justice Center design is promoting respect for the tradition and purpose of America's judicial process. This facility will provide a civic presence in Stillwater County and contribute to the architecture of its communities. The design elements are proportional and arranged in a hierarchy that expresses orderliness, solemnity, integrity, rigor, and fairness. By consistently applying natural and durable materials, the facility's design invokes a sense of permanence, creating a new district landmark.

These guiding principles informed the initial concept and will direct us through the entire design process. Each principle both relates to the intended functions of the Law & Justice Center and represents the holistic project vision. When completed, the facility will frame, facilitate, and mediate encounters between Stillwater County citizens and the justice system.



LOCAL



LASTING



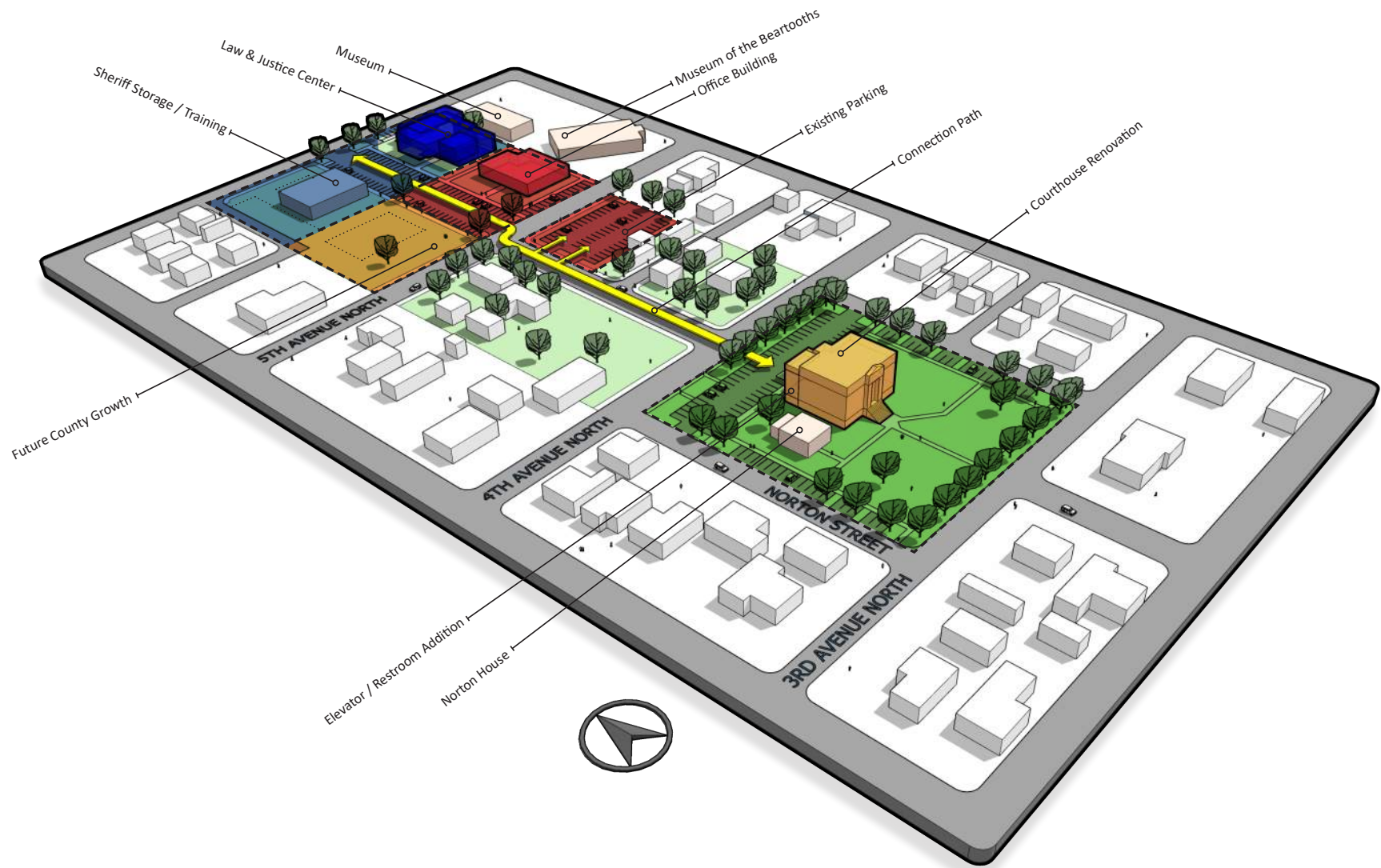
INTEGRITY

PROJECT SUMMARY

"Laws are a dead letter without courts to expound and define their true meaning and operation."
~ Alexander Hamilton

Beginning in the spring of 2021, A&E Design worked alongside Stillwater County to envision a new Law & Justice Center. With the support of a county wide survey, our design team hosted a series of workshops and initial concept presentations to generate discussion and gather ideas. We met with stakeholders who shared their goals, asked questions, and commented on process-related information. Each user group had the opportunity to discuss their visions for the future space directly with our design team. This schematic design document is a culmination of the work completed during these exercises.

The following pages illustrate our process and explore a program, plans, and building design that meets current and future needs. Completing the work herein will provide a comfortable, cohesive environment that supports civic operations and integrates Law & Justice staff. In the next project phase, we will further develop the design into a beautiful, functional, and thoughtful facility. The resulting structure will be an exemplary civic solution for Stillwater County and its residents.

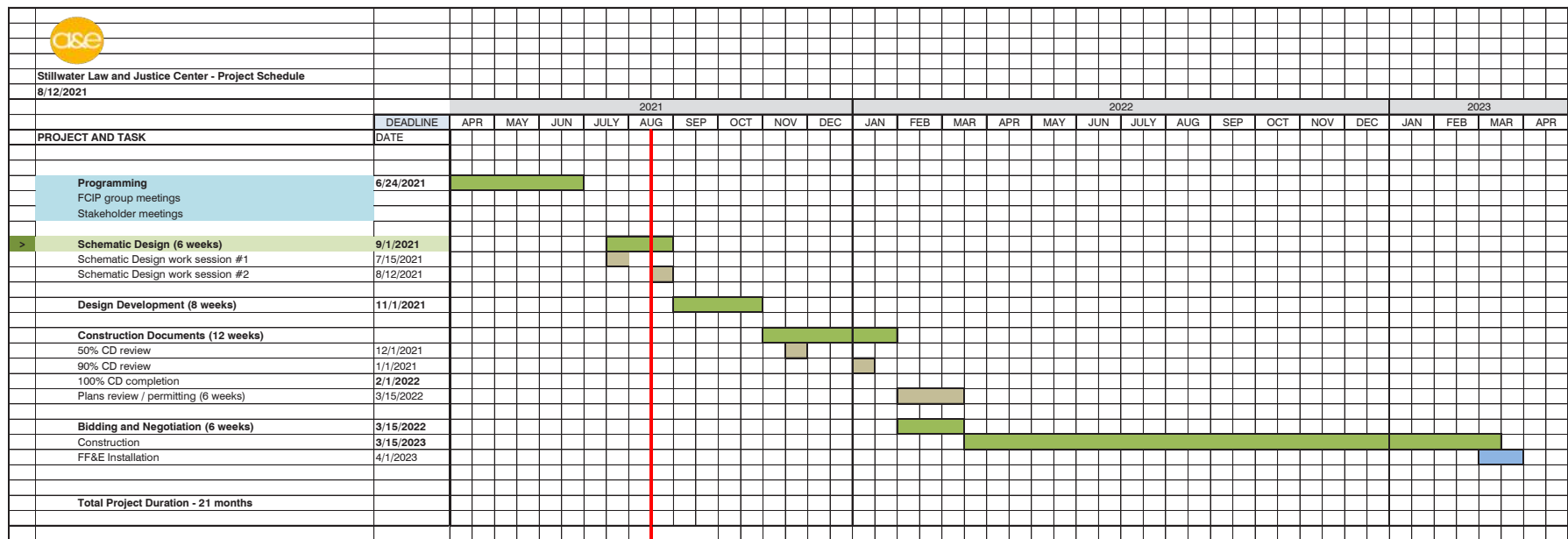


PROJECT SCHEDULE

" Justice denied anywhere diminishes justice everywhere. "
~ Martin Luther King, Jr

After schematic design concludes in August 2021, our design team evolves the concept into a working building. During this two-month phase, we select materials, account for mechanical loads, develop the landscape, calculate acoustic performance, and more. To help visualize the outcome on its site, we will also generate additional renderings of the building and spaces within.

Soon after, we finalize construction documents to get working drawings into contractors' hands in time for an early spring bid. The state of Montana will review plans and issue permits before construction begins in the spring of 2022. In total, the project will take 21 months to complete.



EXTERIOR MATERIALS

*"Common sense often makes a good law."
~ William O. Douglas, Supreme Court Justice*

The primary exterior materials will include metal panels, masonry, and storefront glazing systems. To provide a warm, inviting entry, we will incorporate a wood soffit material into the front canopy. All facades are composed to allow for ample workspace daylighting and express interior organization. We are exploring color options that reference the historic Stillwater Courthouse, which would create a cohesive tie to the past.

By giving special attention to materials on the exterior of courtroom facilities, our design emphasizes the integrity of the court. This clear definition of central spaces outside begins to demonstrate the programming within.



PROGRAMMING

"Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants; electric light the most efficient policeman."
~ Louis Brandeis, Supreme Court Justice

The new Law & Justice Center will be a two-story building totaling approximately 25,000 square feet. Interior spaces will accommodate multiple civic and judicial departments: Sheriff's Department, Adult & Juvenile Probation, Victim Witness Advocates, Stillwater Beta Jail Alternatives, County Attorney, Clerk of District Court, and Justice of the Peace. Privacy and security between departments will be maintained through restricted and secure corridors.

Our design addresses several challenges identified by user groups, offering significant improvements from the current infrastructure. The existing lack of space and privacy, and the need to optimize department adjacencies helped drive the new internal programming. These concerns, along with all other information gathered, guided our spatial approach to support the many departments serving Stillwater County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Space Description				
	2021	Size	Area (SF)	Net Area (SF)
Single Person Office w/ Side Chairs	4	11x12	132	528
Workstations (8x8)	2	6x6	36	72
Meeting Room / library	1	13x14	180	180
Kitchenette	1	6x12	72	72
Open Office	1	6x18	108	108
Vault (Shared) - See 2.0	0	0.0	0	0
				960

CLERK OF COURT

Space Description				
	2021	Size	Area (SF)	Net Area (SF)
Workstations (8x8) - One for Bailiff	3	8x8	64	192
Office w/ side Chairs	1	10x10	100	100
Front Counter w/ Security Window	1	10x10	100	100
Vault (Shared) - See 1.0	1	16x16	256	256
				648

DISTRICT COURT

Space Description				
	2021	Size	Area (SF)	Net Area (SF)
Courtroom (100 people)	1	60x40	2400	2400
Jury Room (12-15 people) w/ Kitchenette	1	14x24	336	336
Holding	3	7x7	49	147
Sound Lock	1	8x8	64	64
Restroom (private)	1	6x8	48	48
				2,995

DISTRICT JUDGE

Space Description				
	2021	Size	Area (SF)	Net Area (SF)
Chambers	1	10x20	200	200
Workstation (Law Clerk)	1	8x11	88	88
Admin. Station	2	8x8	109	218
Open Office	1	10x24	240	240
Records	1	10x10	100	100
Kitchenette	1	8x10	80	80
Court Reporter	1	8x11	88	88
Conf. Room	1	15x18	270	270
Restroom (Private)	1	7x10	70	70
				1,354

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Space Description				
	2021	Size	Area (SF)	Net Area (SF)
Security Window	1	8X8	64	64
Work stations	3	8X8	64	192
Single person office w/ side chairs	1	10x16	160	160
Work/Storage	1	10x12	120	120
Sound Lock	1	7x7	49	49
Open Office	1	8x12	96	96
Courtroom (20-30 people)	1	32X42	1344	1344
				2,025

SHERIFF

Space Description				
	2021	Size	Area (SF)	Net Area (SF)
Single Person Office w/ Side Chairs	6	10x10	100	600
Single Person Office w/ Small Meeting Space	4	10x14	140	560
Security Window (Dispatch)	1	8x10	80	80
Workstations (Dispatch)	6	6x6	36	216
Restroom (Dispatch)	1	7x10	70	70
Kitchenette (Dispatch)	1	9x10	90	90
Office w/ Side Chair (Dispatch)	1	10x11	110	110
H.D. Shelves (Dispatch)	1	20x23	460	460
Data / Storage (Dispatch)	1	10x12	120	120
Lockers (Dispatch)	1	10x16	160	160
Open Office (Dispatch)	1	11x26	286	286
Evidence Storage	1	21x27	567	567
Bullpen (20 Total Deputies)	1	26x28	728	728
Interview Rooms	2	10x10	100	200
Detention Rooms (One R.R.)	3	7x10	70	210
Testing Area / Booking (Adjacent to Sally Port)	1	10x25	250	250
Armory / Weapons Room / Ammo Storage	1	10x10	100	100
Locker Room (M/W) + 2 Unisex Showers / Restrooms (160sf)	1	10x25	410	410
Breakroom (shared)	1	10x20	120	120
Small Conf. / Interview (Background Checks / Printing Equip.)	1	10x12	120	120
Training / Conf. (Backup EOC) - Future Growth Space	1	20x27.5	550	550
Records Room	1	10x11	110	110
Sally Port / Storage	1	23x40	920	920
R.R. (Private)	1	7x8	56	56
				7,093

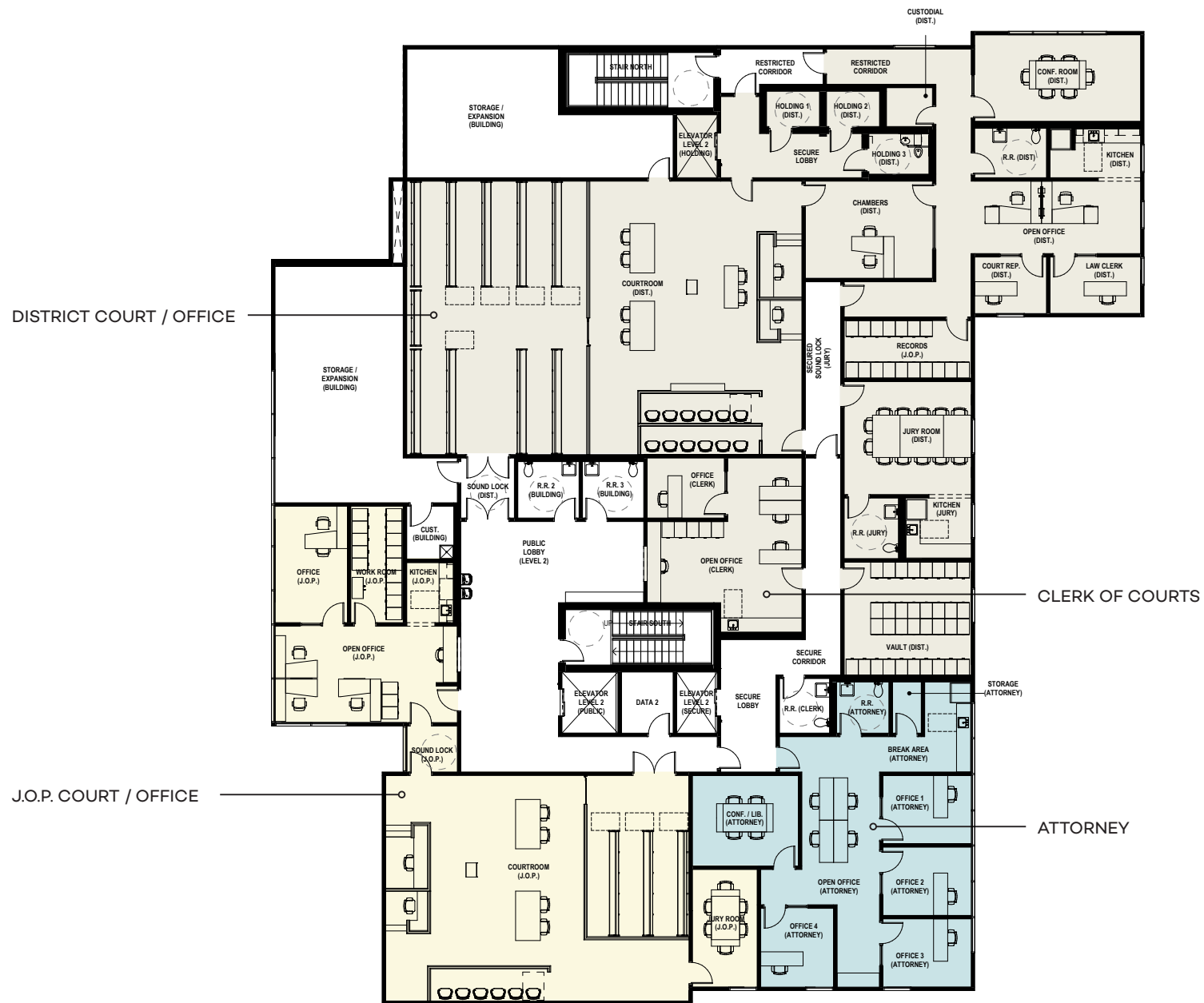
ALTERNATIVES / PROBATION

Space Description				
	2021	Size	Area (SF)	Net Area (SF)
Single Person Office w/ Side Chairs - currently not shown	3	10x10	100	300
Small Conf.	1	10x15	150	150
R.R. (Private)	1	8x10	80	80
File / Storage - currently not shown	1	10x13	130	130
				660

GENERAL SPACE

Space Description				
	2021	Size	Area (SF)	Net Area (SF)
Future Growth - 2nd Floor	1	20X40	600	600
Storage - 2nd Floor	1	14x14	196	196
Break Area (Shared) - 1st & 2nd Floor	2	10x14	140	280
Public Lobby - 1st Floor	1	16x16	256	256
Public Lobby - 2nd Floor	1	22x34	748	748
Vestibule - 1st Floor	1	9x10	90	90
Conf. Room (Shared) - 1st Floor	1	18x18	324	324
				2,494





INTERIOR DESIGN

"Trivial facts are often the best hints to what is going on."
~ John Roberts, Supreme Court Justice

The people and place of Stillwater County were at the forefront of our interior materials selection. We aimed to stay true to their unique characteristics while moving toward more contemporary and sustainable design.

Using a color palette that relates to the surrounding landscape, each interior element selected has an organic and timeless aesthetic. We chose carpet designed to unveil stories over time in its weathering, hearkening back to the historic Stillwater Courthouse. An exploration of interior materials will continue throughout the design development phase.



TIMELESS



THOUGHTFUL



NATURAL



NATURE INSPIRED COLOR PALETTE



HISTORIC DISPLAYS



PUBLIC LOBBY - ENTRANCE WITH HISTORIC DISPLAY



POLISHED CONCRETE



OFFICE CARPET - ARTEFACT REACT



OFFICE CARPET (ALT) - ARTEFACT RELIC



OFFICE FURNITURE & LIGHTING



KITCHENS



COURTROOM CEILING



COURTROOM CARPET - ARTEFACT ETCHED



RESTROOM WALL TILE - FROST



RESTROOM FLOOR - POLISHED CONCRETE

FINAL CONCEPT

"A good lawyer knows the law; a clever one takes the judge to lunch."
~ Mark Twain

The completed Law & Justice Center will present the tradition, permanence, and authority of the former courthouse in modern ways. Our concept echoes the materials, colors, and textures in the nearby historic building while elevating it for future generations. We also addressed spatial efficiencies, enhanced security, and added warmth in the new building's programming and design.

A more functional layout allows for long-term flexibility and expansion as Stillwater County grows and visually emphasizes second-floor courtrooms. Large, decorative stones arranged on the exterior lawn will function as both a striking landscape element and safety feature. By improving security in its hallways, we protect and contain various user groups that will occupy the finished space. Our application of lighting and glass offers transparency and promotes a welcoming ambiance in spaces that often feel ominous and stark. Every design decision is based on enhancing the user experience in a contemporary civic facility while paying homage to its rich history.



PERSPECTIVE - WEST ENTRANCE



PERSEPCTIVE - ENTRANCE



PERSEPCTIVE - COURT CONCEPT



PERSPECTIVE - BIRDS EYE VIEW



PERSPECTIVE - BIRDS EYE VIEW



create **impact.**

124 N. 29TH STREET, SUITE 100
BILLINGS, MT 59101

ae.design